

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 9671

Makoto NISHIMURA et al.

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Serial No. 10/620,611

Group Art Unit 3663

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Examiner Charlie Hung Le

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

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**AMENDMENT** 

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 12, 2006, the period for response having been extended for two (2) month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows: